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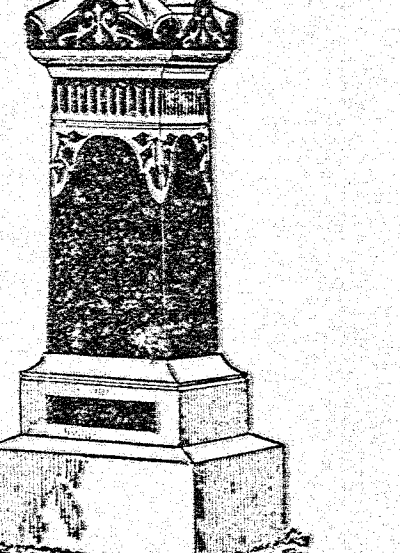
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TOWN WARRANT, NORWAY.

Inasmuch as the warrant for the annual town meeting must be in the hands of the selectmen on or before the 1st day of February, it will be necessary to have such articles as may be desired to have action taken upon, placed in the hands of the selectmen on or before February 2nd.

Maine Butter at the New York Dairy Exhibition.

The fine display of fancy butter by L. W. Dyer, Mrs. C. E. Williams, L. F. Dolloff, J. Henry Moore and Portland Creamery at our Maine State Dairy Conference in December attracted so much attention that parties from New York who saw the exhibit, through Mr. Dawley, Director of Farmers' Institutes, made urgent request of Secretary McKen to forward the exhibits to the State Dairy Convention held at Gouverneur, N. Y., January 25-27, 1899.

Since the Maine Conference this butter has been on exhibition at the store of A. L. & E. F. Goss Co., Lewiston, and by invitation of Secretary McKen, Henry F. Goss of that Company carried the butter to Gouverneur and had charge of the exhibit there. The butter arrived in fine condition and a photograph of the exhibit shows great credit to the genius of Mr. Goss in its arrangement. Not having show cases a booth was made covered with varnished colors of bunting with canopy overhead, and on the background was displayed a large placard—"Exhibit of Butter from the State of Maine by the Board of Agriculture." Also smaller cards were displayed giving the names of the parties making the butter.

Gouverneur is not centrally located, and many New York people predicted that the attempt to hold a meeting there would be suicidal to the interests of Dairy Conventions in New York, but to the great surprise of all, this meeting was by far the largest and most interesting in their history; a hall seating eight hundred being filled to overflowing all the time.

The Maine exhibit attracted much attention, so many people crowding around it that it was necessary to put a rail in front to make a larger circle, and everybody remarked that "Maine is all right," and the Board of Agriculture of New York was warm in its praise of the Board of Agriculture of Maine, for its kindness in sending out this exhibit.

We believe that if the farmers in Maine would attend the Dairy Conventions as well as they did in New York, profiting by the knowledge given there, Maine could weave a banner that would be looked up to by all New England.

Did You Know This About Cesar and Napoleon?

Did you know that the two foremost figures in the world's history, Cesar and Napoleon, were at one time the victims of insidious nerve weakness and disease? Cesar was an epileptic, and the great Napoleon was the victim of nervous disorder. The secret of their later wonderful successes lay in the fact that they used every effort to be cured of their afflictions. Do you for a moment suppose that they could have succeeded if they had allowed themselves to remain weaklings, with exhausted nerves, nervous debility and strength and energy impaired by disease? So it is with you at the present day. Many a young and middle aged man through over-work, indiscretion, ignorance, excesses and folly has weakened his nerve power and physical vigor until he feels himself lacking manhood's powers to cope with the world in this struggle for success. Remain in your present condition of weakness, and failure in all your undertakings is inevitable. Follow the example of Cesar and Napoleon—get well, get back your physical and nerve strength, powers and energy, and the fullest measure of success in the world will be yours. Remember that the strong survive and the weak are forced to the wall. Success awaits only him who is strong. What is the great lesson in this for nerve-weakened and physically exhausted men? By all means get back your health and strength. Consult some great specialist who has made the weakness and diseases of men a specialty. Like Dr. Greene of 24 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., whose success in the treatment and cure of this class of diseases with harmless vegetable remedies, wonderful in their strengthening and invigorating powers, has made him the most famous physician in the world. You can consult him without charge and in perfect confidence, either by calling or writing him about your case. As it costs you nothing to get his counsel and advice, we advise you to write him at once. He will tell you just what to do to be cured of your weakness. One of his wonderful medicines, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, you know to be of world-wide fame; he has discovered other no less marvelous medicines also, whose vitalizing, invigorating and regenerating effects will restore you again to perfect manhood's strength and powers.

Are All Men Liars?

While noting the controversy going on of late in the papers, discussing the merits and demerits of license and prohibition, my mind seems to have developed into a reversion of earlier laws, and even before we had laws to restrict the sale of liquors. Living in a time when all stores kept open shop, when hotels were scattered all over the country on main traveled roads, every one of which had its open bar, free for all, and the freight of the teamsters of those days being mostly West India goods, with a goodly portion of liquors, all of these things come vividly back to my mind.

The Washingtonians came. This society did a great work reclaiming many, who were true to their pledge and worked from them on through the different societies as they came, one following another.

Among the different theories from time to time I well remember that of "moral suasion" which was advocated as the great panacea to cure all drunkenness. It became a fad and was on every tongue.

Those teamsters spoken of lived largely on rum, and many a time my father's oxen have taken their stalled teams up the hills and sent them on their way rejoicing. One of those teamsters who was feeling "fair" as the boys say, on being asked with what he was loaded, replied: "I've got a hoghead of molasses and two barrels of moral suasion," meaning new rum.

The Maine law came, and for a certainty it was the main law of all we have ever had, the most effectual in closing the rum shops. Men feared it and bar rooms disappeared as a rule. During those days, the writer passing through Boston, after depositing baggage at the Old Colony depot, went to a restaurant for refreshments. It being early in the morning I had a long wait after giving my order.

On the opposite side of the room was a counter, with shelves behind. Bottles of various hues adorned those shelves.

Prohibitory Laws, Past and Present.

The states in which the general prohibitory liquor laws have been passed, the year of passage, and the repeal of each, if it has been repealed, and the political party or parties having control of the legislatures that passed or repealed, each law is as follows:

Year.	Party.	Year.	Party.
1851	Democratic	1856	Democratic
1852	Democratic	1857	Democratic
1853	Democratic	1858	Democratic
1854	Democratic	1859	Democratic
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1893	Democratic	1898	Democratic
1894	Democratic	1899	Democratic

Thus the parties that have passed prohibitory laws are Democratic, 10; Republican, 9; Republican and Know Nothing, 3; Whig, 2; American, 1. The parties that have repealed prohibitory laws are Republican, 7; Democratic, 4; G. TILLOT.

OUTLOOK FOR DRINK.

All Signs Point to the Decadence of the Alcohol Habit.

The present century nears the close with every evidence that the twentieth century will witness the fruition of this present germinating period of public opinion in regard to drink, says The Union Signal. The foundations for total abstinence by the individual and prohibition for the state are well laid. They become all the stronger, all the more impregnable, year by year. The most discouraging condition in this country is the extensive practice of beer drinking. The amount consumed warrants the use of the epithet "beer guzzlers" to Americans as well as to Germans, but the world is fast learning that beer is an intoxicant just in proportion to the amount of alcohol it contains and the amount drunk. Our army canteens must have convinced thousands that men can get fighting and murdering drunk on beer. Science has long taught this same truth, and such an object lesson as we have had on a great scale ought to convince "a wayfaring man, though a fool."

On the other hand, it is no longer polite to show the effects of liquor. It is disgraceful. The use of alcohol at social pleasures is now well nigh discarded except by the two great extremes of wealth and poverty.

The medical profession will abolish alcohol from its pharmacopoeia in the coming century or at least exclude it as a dietetic. Modern schools of medicine are all tending that way, and the London Temperance hospital and several in this country are demonstrating the fact that they secure better results than other hospitals. Scientists declare that it is not a food nor a requisite. Life insurance companies bring positive proof that the healthiest and longest lived are those who are total abstainers. British and American and even barbarian armies have proved conclusively that the best fighters in the world are those who are perfectly sober, and that men can endure more exposure, more hardships, longer marches and repel disease more readily without alcohol. The movements of armies in battle and otherwise are fast being reduced to a degree of scientific accuracy which precludes anything except the use of man's best intellectual powers at their best, and this is diametrically opposed to both dull sluggishness and wild frenzy.

DRINK IN DUBLIN.

Two-thirds of Crime Due to Rum, Says the Chief Judge.

There is only one matter that strikes me as both unfortunate and melancholy, and that is the large increase there is in the crime of drunkenness. The figures returned for the corresponding period in the year 1897, and in the period since the last commission it has increased to as many as 1,385, being an increase of 504, or something more than 50 per cent above the number of the corresponding period for the year 1897.

I was at a loss to know what it all was for. I became more and more curious, but when a man came in for an appetizer the light broke in. It was then I felt like kicking myself into the street for being such a dunce. It had not occurred to me that I had left Maine and her laws behind me.

We read in the ADVERTISER of Feb. 3, "There seems to be an unwritten law, should we judge from expressions and opinions dropped here and there, that among buyers and sellers of liquor it is right to lie." etc. Now since we have laws enough, and from the reading of the duties of the officers chosen to enforce those laws, showing plainly the sworn duty of such officers, to diligently search for violations of the liquor law, and houses of ill fame, and again by special proclamation from the Governor, they are called upon to act, many of whom do not act, while knowing that liquor is being transported without let or hindrance, if the things are so how much better are these than the buyer who lies to protect the seller?

Yes, great is license, for the rich rum seller. Under license, the mayor of Boston has stated, of late, that the victims sent up for drunkenness have increased 30 per cent, for the last three years.

Look at the late murder in New Hampshire of Annie Cox. One life snuffed out in a moment, another ten times more horrible, while the whole surroundings are permeated with nauseous and sickening odors.

But it is of little use to discuss these things; the situation is known of all men, if it were not so it might be of benefit to discuss, but when men know the situation, it only gives offense to them, while it brings enmity and hate to him who would denounce hypocrisy in high places.

David said in his haste that all men were liars. Although I never saw him, I have long since arrived at the conclusion that first impressions are the more reliable, I have come to the conclusion that David was right in the main.

A Cool Diver.

Some years ago an English diver who was at work on a sunken wreck off the island of Diego Garcia, had a visit from the same shark every day for a week. At first he had no trouble in scurrying it away. It was enough if he gave a turn to the escape valve in his helmet and let out a little air. But at the end of the week it had become very troublesome. The diver signaled for a knife and a looped rope and then boldly held out his bare hand as a bait to the shark. The monster came on with a rush and was turning on its back when it was stabbed by the diver, who then passed the loop around its body and sent it up to the surface. A cool head should certainly be included in the equipment of a man who seeks to earn his bread in the sea.—Good Words.

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Drug Habits Increasing.

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A Cruel Master.

A nation can be a slave as well as the individual. Columbia stands with chains upon her glorious form, and the flag that should typify her graces and shed her glory is the protector of her masters. Years ago she invited the world to come to her home and abide. She expected angels, but a devil came as well. Poor Columbia willingly accepted him, and now, protected by her armies and upheld by her laws, this giant places the chains of thralldom upon her fair wrists, that she might not perform her God given mission, and ties her ankles that she may not run in the paths marked out by Providence. This prince of demons, this cruel master of our land is the liquor traffic of the United States, which cost us in money in 1896 \$1,196,878,423. This is our tribute for one year to the savagery who thrives on broken hearts, ruined homes, a debauched people and damned souls.—Rev. M. P. Boynton.

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HEBRON.

Ed. Bean was in town, recently. Prof. Sargent and E. M. Glover went to Norway, Saturday.

The Ladies Circle had a picnic supper at their room, Tuesday evening of last week.

Daisy W. Cushman is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Richardson.

Dr. Crane, Prof. Sargent, Henry Stearns and Vane Bearce were in Augusta, last week, to attend the hearing on the Hall pond case.

Wednesday, the Grange hold an all day meeting. Two new members partook of the harvest feast. In the evening there was a masquerade sociable and box supper.

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee. It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains, package to-day from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 10c and 25c."

"Guilty," but Penitent.

Among the specialists whom the government employs here in Washington is a learned gentleman who was once the superintendent of a Sabbath school. One of the stories of that epoch is of a day when a visiting clergyman addressed the school. On the very front seat sat a pale little boy who had come to Sunday school that morning for the first time in his life. He watched the visiting clergyman with almost painful interest. The visiting clergyman was a large man, with great, dark eyes and a voice like unto that of the bull of Bashan. He rose.

"Children," he thundered, "who made this glorious universe?"

His black eyes glared fiercely at the new boy on the front seat. The urchin squirmed and trembled.

"I did, sir," he said huskily, "but I won't ever do it again."—Washington Post.

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Coming Events.

Feb. 22—Hunters' Ball, Andover.

March 6—Annual town meeting in most Oxford County towns.

New Advertisements.

Peaches—E. F. Jackson, Page 8
Bargains—Merritt Welch, " 8
Condition powder—F. P. Stone, " 8
Clothing—A. L. Sanborn & Co., " 8
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Legal notice—..... " 8
Statement—Merchants' Ins. Co., " 8
Anybody's nose—S. Richards, " 8
Wanted, man and wife, " 8

John B. Hazen has an additional pension, \$6 to \$8.

E. P. Faunce of Oxford has been nominated for postmaster.

James H. Walker has been appointed postmaster at Lovell.

H. H. Burbank of Fryeburg, dealer in boots and shoes, has assigned.

The woolen mills at Bridgton have been obliged to shut down because of low water.

The horse trainer, J. B. Kilgore of Brownfield, is wintering ten horses at Rigby's Club stable.

Garret Schenck, the pioneer in the paper business at Rumford Falls, and associates are to build a paper mill on the Penobscot river. \$4,000,000 capital has been subscribed. Capacity of mill to be 250 tons per day.

Change in mail route.—Andover to Rumford Falls. Leave Andover daily except Sunday at 5.45 a. m. and 11.15 a. m. Arrive at Rumford Falls by 8.45 a. m. and 2.15 p. m. Leave Rumford Falls daily except Sunday at 12 m. and 5.30 p. m. Arrive at Andover by 3 p. m. and 8.30 p. m.

The machine and repair shop of F. M. Thomas of Andover was destroyed by fire, Friday morning. The wind was blowing a gale and before the fire was discovered it had made such headway that nothing was saved. It was insured for \$2,000. Mr. Thomas says he shall not rebuild. This is the third time he has been burned out and lost everything.

Maine Legislature.

Ripley Water Co. of Andover ought to pass.

Rep. Donham of Hebron appeared and stated the troubles incurred by the town of Norway on account of the Italians who were employed upon the ill-fated Oxford Central road. Those men were left destitute by failure of the contractors to pay and not only put the town to much expense but also terrorized the section by various acts of vandalism. Norway, by the way, put in a bill to the State for reimbursement but it has been disallowed.

Dr. Donham explained that the necessity for such a law was well-exemplified by the experiences of Norway. He explained how the workmen had been stranded and that the town had been obliged to furnish money to ship the men to their homes. No one else appeared.

A number of towns have been "stuck" in the past by having Italian workmen left on their hands by irresponsible contractors. The committee will hear arguments as to the expediency of amending the statutes so as to indemnify municipalities.

Representative Donham and Senator Young were among the speakers for the eulogy of Congressman Dingey.

Wednesday afternoon, "Uncle Joseph" Holden of Otisfield, the astronomical expert, "lectured" before an audience of fully two hundred persons—and the strangers were more or less amazed.

Petition of W. T. Kessie and others for the Dixfield Village Corporation.

CANTON.

The mill property at Gilbertville is reported to have been sold, and rumors of a new mill are in circulation.

Business at L. W. Smith's tannery is very good and they are working nights to fill orders. Mr. Smith has made many improvements during the past season that enlarge the capacity of the plant.

Mr. Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 363, observed its third anniversary by a public temperance address delivered by Hon. Grant Rogers, G. C. T., of Richmond. A goodly number were present and were very much impressed by Bro. Rogers' able and stirring words. A large delegation of the Lodge was present, clothed in the regalia of the Order. Miss M. Louise Staples rendered a beautiful temperance solo and Rev. W. W. Carver gave an impressive talk.

Mr. Thorne Lodge was represented by the following delegates at the February session of the Oxford District Lodge, I. O. G. T.: Mrs. Helen Lowell, Addie Lowell, Clara Zanders, Fred Watson and Leon Newton. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant time reported. G. C. T., Grant Rogers, was present.

UPTON.

Winfield West and wife visited his parents.

Mrs. Hollis I. Abbott is visiting relatives at Canada.

There have been quite a number of dances around town, recently.

Mrs. Ida Lombard and three children visited on Mill street, last week.

Master Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., has been visiting his grandpa, Charles Chase.

Mrs. Fred Godwin, a teacher in Monmouth academy, came home on a week's vacation.

The biggest snow storm of the season began, Wednesday, the 8th. Some 9 inches fell, and as it was very light made a fine plaything for a high wind.

Among the Cubans.

Gibara, Cuba, Jan. 30, 1899.

DEAR EDITOR—Your much longed for papers came to day. I do not see what is the matter with the mail, for I got papers from you from Dec. 9 to Jan. 18, and a letter from home dated Dec. 13.

Well, things are in a general mix up out here all the time. I have already sent you a letter about my overland trip.

Since coming here we have made a very ideal camp and most of the boys are enjoying good health. We only have five sick in the hospital, and they are improving every day. "But what a lot of Cubans have the small pox." They are on a high hill just outside the town and no one is allowed to go up or down the hill except the Cuban doctor and those who carry up provisions.

Last week, something happened here which will never go down in history. The Cubans had a fair and dance to help the poor Cuban soldiers, and the Spanish people also had a dance at the "Casino."

The Americans here liked the Spanish Ball better than the Cuban Ball, because the Spanish allowed no negroes to attend, while the Cuban Ball was nearly all Cuban negroes and beside the Spanish are a better class of people, the best I ever saw.

Well about 12, (midnight) Monday, after the Cuban Ball was over, down came over 200 armed Cubans to stop the Spanish Ball. You see they tried to take advantage of us, as our Co. K only numbers 54 men, and the rest of our regiment is at Holguin, 30 miles away.

Our captain came on the double quick run to our quarters, about one eighth of a mile away, and in less than ten minutes we were up at the "Casino" and after one volley not a Cuban was in sight. I believe one Cuban was wounded but not killed. We stood up until 2 o'clock and the dance went on, although a great number of ladies went home. They (the ladies) were quite calm, only one or two fainted away, and I tell you we could drink.

That goes to show how much pluck a Cuban soldier has really got—200 against a small company of 50. We have not had any more trouble and I guess we are safe. The Cuban boys has at last found out that he cannot fool with an "Americano."

Last Sunday (yesterday) I went about 4 miles into a large cave about a mile from here. It was a grand sight. It has never been explored as far as the Cubans are afraid to go in the dark.

But a party of 10 of us went further than any one has been so far. I have some relics that I got there. We discovered a large lake and river in the cave and a spring, whose water was nice and cool. Well, dear friends, enough this time.

Yours very truly,

IRVING L. LORING,

Gibara, Cuba. Co. K, 2d U. S. V. I.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Nellie Hardy is home from Jackson, N. H., having finished the winter term of her school at that place.

Mrs. Kate Hutchins of Malden, Mass., and her sister, Mrs. Campbell, are guests of Mrs. Meserve of Menotomy.

Mrs. Minnie Campbell of Lovell, Mass., is spending a week with relatives at friends in West Fryeburg, the home of her childhood.

Mrs. Mary Colby, a native of West Fryeburg, is a nurse in Uncle Sam's service at Honolulu and expects soon to be transferred to Manila.

Mrs. Frank Emery, who was Jennie Farrington before her marriage and removal from this place to Lovell, is organizer of a church in the latter place.

Geo. P. Haley, formerly of this place, returned to Wakefield, Mass., where his present home is, after a week spent in Portland and Fryeburg among relatives.

School at Birch Hill closed on Friday, the 10th inst. The attendance of the last two days was small, owing to the severe storm and drifts. Everett Shaw was neither absent nor tardy, throughout the term.

The exhibition of the closing day of school in No. 8, postponed on account of the blizzard of Friday last week and again for the same reason on Monday, came off successfully on Tuesday evening. There were recitations and music by the pupils, all of which were creditable. Edith Walker, the teacher, was ably assisted by Emma Ballard, Mae Andrews and Wm. Eastman. There was a good attendance despite the severe cold and bad traveling.

The Stirling Literary Club with husbands and a number of invited guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones on Saturday evening, the 11th inst.

HEALTHY MATERNITY.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am a great believer in your Compound. I was almost despairing of ever again being well, as I was a great sufferer, and had been for years. I suffered from womb trouble, and had terrible blind fits. After writing to you I tried your Compound. The result was astonishing. I have used it and advocated it ever since. In childbirth it is a perfect boon. I have often said that I would like to have its name blown across the sky with a search-light, so that all women would read, and be convinced that there is a remedy for their sufferings."

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There was an oyster supper, and if the tables groaned under the weight of the delicacies thereon, the jollity that reigned made any groan inaudible. J. W. Towle had his violin with him and the first scrape of the bow over the strings brought the young portion of the company to their feet. Some who were not so young also rose to the occasion. Ed. Hall assisted Mr. Towle, playing upon a mouth harmonica in which Mr. Hall is very proficient and which he enjoys as well as any dancers with whom he is always in demand. After a most enjoyable social evening, the party dispersed to their several homes in time to avoid encroaching upon the day sacred to rest.

OTISFIELD.

W. A. Bicknell, Norway, pays 5c. per pound for round hogs.

KEZAR FALLS.

Elias Newbegin is still very low from the effects of the grip.

Snow commenced falling about eight o'clock, Monday morning, and continued through the night, accompanied by a high wind which shook houses, burst open doors and piled the snow in such huge drifts that all travel became suspended. Tuesday, people were hunting with shovels for their doorways and sidewalks. Wednesday, they turned their attention to the roads and after much labor for man and beast succeeded in making a passage for the stage.

Sir Henry Doulton.

Sir Henry Doulton, who was born in Vauxhall Walk in 1820, practically spent his life in Lambeth, where his father established his pottery in the year of Waterloo, and he took an active part in the business from the old days of "chimney pots, drain pipes, ink and blacking bottles" until the firm became world famous for its art productions, in which, above all else, may be mentioned its admirable ware based upon the old Gris de Flamand and other types of old Flemish and German stoneware, whose soft, tender colorings are so restful and refined. It was always a pleasure to Sir Henry to chat with any one who was interested in old London—the London when Vauxhall was virtually in the country; when Vauxhall gardens, with their "10,000 other lights," were the resort of the Joe Sedleys and the bucks of a generation later; when the now densely populated suburb of Battersea was given up to market gardens and the new town was considered remote enough from London to be the scene of a duel between the Duke of Wellington and the Earl of Winchelsea in 1829.

Sir Henry Doulton first made a name in 1851, when he practically revolutionized sanitary matters by introducing stoneware drain pipes, and he went on accumulating honors and medals and in 1870 turned his attention to art pottery with equal success. As a man he was cultured, kindly, devoted to literature and art, and most charitable and sympathetic, and he will be immensely missed and mourned in the great factory and the larger world outside, in which he was so widely known and universally liked.

The Bad Lands.

In its widest scope the arid region of the United States comprises half the territory of the entire country, for to great an extent must irrigation be employed either as a primary or secondary factor in the cultivation of crops.

From about the ninety-sixth to the ninety-ninth meridian there is a strip of about 250 miles in breadth which Major J. W. Powell calls the "sublimid" tract. Within it there is an annual precipitation sufficient to insure crops, but the precipitation is so disproportionately bestowed and at such irregular intervals throughout the year that the seasons of successful farming are interspersed with long and disastrous droughts. Reliance, therefore, upon moisture directly falling from the clouds is extremely hazardous, and, unaccompanied by waters from streams, it is not generally repaid.

But west of the ninety-ninth and east of the one hundred and twenty-first meridian, throughout the whole breadth of the country, from Canada to Mexico, there is a district in which nothing needing moisture greater than that required by the artemisia, or the cactus

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can be planted and grown. It is a region aggregating about 1,340,000 square miles, a territory larger than Arabia, as large as and not more arid than the combined areas of Persia and India, with their united populations of 250,000,000 souls.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Marriage Ceremonies Among the Cingua.

The only formality which the swain has to go through to get the hand of his promised one is to kill a tapir, an act by which he proves that he will be capable of supporting his prospective family. The death of a tapir under such conditions is quite an event. The whole tribe assembles at the carcass, and a scene of gluttony begins that does not cease till nothing is left but the skin and bones of the "great beast." That is the only ceremony of marriage. The Cingua is usually monogamous, but polygamy is allowed. Marriages of relatives are carefully avoided. After cohabitation the young mother has a rest of a few days before resuming her servile task. She carries the new-born infant in a scarf or sort of little hammock slung over her shoulders. She does not think of weaning it for a year and a half or two years, while the child has already been exercised in arms with miniature bows. Ideas of cleanliness foreign to the women as well as to the men, and it is a lucky chance that will induce them to comb their magnificent heads of hair.—Dr. Machon in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

Old Marital Ceremonies.

"Wedding" comes from an old word, "wad," or "wed," a pledge or token, still used in Scotland to denote a bail or surety. An early English author, one Robert Brunne, writes of laying his glove to "wed." Also Geoffrey Chaucer says, "Let him beware his necke leeth to wedde." Furthermore, the poet Gower enlightens us on the use of the word "wedde" as follows:

But first, 'er thou be spedde,
Thou shalt have such a wedde
That I will have troth on honde
That thou shalt be my husbande.

Anglo-Saxon custom ordained that, when the betrothal of young people took place, the youth gave the maiden certain "weds," one of which was a ring. It was put on the right hand then, being subsequently removed to the left on marriage. This is apparently the origin of our modern engagement ring.

The giving of money is assigned to the times of Cleopatra, when, when married to Princess Cleopatra, she gave a "son" and a "denar." Since then, these have become legal marriage offerings even to this day in France. Of course, the value of the coins depends on the status of the contracting parties. Formerly, a like custom existed in England. The bride or her attendant carried a bag, often handsomely embroidered, to receive the gift for the bride. This receptacle was called a "dow" (from "dower") purse, and this custom lingered in country parts. Evidently from it originated the bridal gift of parents or bridegroom called a dowry.—Chambers' Journal.

Aluminium In Lithography.

The stone which American lithographers have to import from Germany bids fair to be superseded before long by aluminium. The only American stone thus far known that would answer at all is in Arkansas, and that is not good. Aluminium is a little cheaper than the imported stone, and it is now of great interest among our lithographic art people that the metal is being successfully used as a substitute, with results that are improving more and more as its use becomes familiar. It is easily etched by acids, and a set of plates can be very quickly prepared in this way for any design that may be desired. As far as the use of these plates has gone, however, the highest grade of work is still done on the German stone, by the old engraving process. Our best American lithographs are ten color work. Sometimes it runs as high as 13 and 14, but that is the highest. The French and German claim to use 22 colors and shades on their finest work, but nobody has ever been able to count them out. American ten color work is now fully and easily up to the European standard, and we are therefore independent in that respect. Importations are becoming less and less every year and are now, in fact, narrowed down to Christmas and Easter cards and such things, which continue to come over on their reputation rather than upon superiority of quality.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Source of Crime.

A memorandum, dated April 28, issued by the British war department, starts off with these words: "It will be the duty of company officers to point out to the men under their control, and particularly to young soldiers, the disastrous effects of giving way to habits of intemperance and immorality. The excessive use of intoxicating liquors unfits the soldier for active work, blunts his intelligence and is a fruitful source of military crime."

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1 Lot First Quality Coney Muffs at 59c each, worth \$1.25. There are only a few of this lot.

We have left a few of those Mackintoshes at \$2.00 and \$2.50 which we should like to have you look at, we do not ask you to buy.

Merritt Welch NORWAY, MAINE.

NORTH PARIS.

School closed, Friday, Feb. 10.

Mrs. Charles Kimball is very sick with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Adams have turned to their home in this village.

Blanche Chase closed her school at Hollow, Feb. 10, and returned home.

John Billingswood and wife of W. Paris visited at Freeman Billingswood Sunday.

Mr. Whitney, who so recently buried his wife, is stopping at J. P. Littlehall's. Mr. W. is in very poor health.

Dodavah, Hammond and Charlie Sitt came home from Dickvale, Saturday, returning to their work, Sunday.

Fred Dunham has sold his oxen to Freeman Farrar.

Twenty-two new books have just been added to the Prentiss Library.

Two of Mr. Walker's teams came from South Paris, Feb. 10th, to work at D. son City.

Susie Wheeler closed a profitable school in the Tuell district, Feb. 10. She was much liked by her scholars. They made good progress.

The school in the Tuell district closed, Feb. 10th. The number of scholars, 12, average attendance 11 5/8.

Field was not absent for the term, Harrison and Walter Littlehale, L. Bradford, Lin Crawford and Keith were absent only one day each.

Teacher created the scholars to corn and candy, the last day.

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NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Sunday, Feb. 12—first Sunday in Lent.
Horace Cole has been in business longer than any man on the street.

Mrs. Joseph Smiley of Augusta is visiting at her father's, Moses Hodgdon's, at Berlin, N. H.

Dobson—Holden.

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage on High St., Auburn, Feb. 8, by the Rev. C. S. Cummings. The contracting parties were Ella J. Dobson and Owen O. Holden, both of Auburn. Marie Crafts acted as bridesmaid and Walter L. Brett of Norway as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Holden left on the Pullman for Portland where they will reside. Mr. Holden has accepted a position as watchmaker for J. A. Merrill & Co. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

Hattie Goodnow, the little 7-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Harris, came from South Portland alone on the cars, Thursday last week. She will visit here a few weeks.

Letter to Geo. W. Chaney,

Norway, Me.

Dear Sir: As a painter, perhaps you object to Devote lead and zinc, and paint lead and oil. Let us have a few words on the subject.

You say a good job will last three years, and you say a house ought to be painted once in three years.

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Consider the case of your doctor. You call him in. Is it better for him to get your child out of bed to-morrow, or keep him sick for a month?

You prefer a quick doctor. So does everyone else in your town, and county, and state. We are all alike; we all want our doctors quick. A doctor, that gets his patients up quick, is the doctor that gets the patients—gets rich too, if he isn't run to death.

It's about the same with a painter, isn't it? Suppose you object to Devote, and your competitor paints Devote; your work lasts three years and his work six. You cost your customers double; he costs half. Who'll get the business; and who'll go to Texas?

Devote lasts six years—not exactly—we know of its lasting seventeen—and it never wears out in less than three, so far as we know. On a windy sandy seaside house, it lasts three years. Lead and oil lasts one year there.

Devote lasts two or three times as long as lead and oil, and it's going to paint your town. Do you want to be in it? Yours truly,
F. W. Devote & Co.

Maine Legislature.

The committee on claims reported unfavorably on the request of Norway to be reimbursed for money expended in caring for the Italian laborers.

In the Senate the Oxford county delegation reported on the resolve fixing the salaries of the judge and register of probate of Oxford county. Referred to the special committee on salaries.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

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Vendetta Marina.

By CLARK RUSSELL.
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"I stood at the head of the starboard poop ladder, where I could command a view of the emigrants. The mate, a fine seaman, named Lever, paced the deck near me, on the lookout. I called to him and asked some questions about the people—matters of difficulty in connection with the food and the allowance of water. He told me that the squinting Irishman was a dangerous ruffian and had threatened on the preceding evening while arguing with a man on religion to put his knife into him. I said: 'Tell the boss'n to keep his eye upon the dog. If he repeats that threat aboard this ship, I'll have him in irons away down in the fore peak for the rest of the voyage. I then asked about others of the people and said, 'Who's that young girl standing beside the after scuttle but there looking this way?'

"'I don't know her name, sir. I'll inquire.'"

"She's always alone, I observe. She has queer eyes and a strange, stealthy way of looking. Whenever I've seen her, she's been as she now is, in a sort of half fidgeting, half skulking posture, always looking aft, as though she wished to test her eyes by reading the time from the caddy front. She's a foreigner."

"'Ah, by the looks of her,' answered the mate. 'Something afit holds her eye.'"

"I leaned over the rail, and looking down on the quarterdeck saw seated right under me on campstools in their accustomed place the two Italians whom I had guessed were man and wife. The Italian was reading aloud to the woman. A number of people were coming and going in that part of the deck. When I again glanced forward, the girl of the odd and stealthy stare had disappeared, and where she had been stood the Irishman of the diabolical squint.

"At noon the same day, just before

our sextants made it eight bells, Mr. Lever said to me:

"The name of that staring girl you were talking about this morning is Clara Monti."

"The thing had clean gone out of my head, and I hardly understood him. Then recollecting I smiled and said, 'Oh, yes, a sort of opera bill name,' and with that careless dismissal of the matter I went on ogling the sun."

"The weather remained quiet throughout the day. The sea at sundown went spreading away into blue mist with the mirage of a ship upside down in the southeast that filled the line of our bulwarks with gazers. I had seen plenty of land mirages in my time, amazing upheavals of airy coast within swimming distance, though God knows how far off the real thing was, but never a ship upside down, high up in the air before. She was clothed to her trucks as we were, and rocked like a delicate, exquisitely wrought toy or model in the red ether of the sunset. I sent the third mate on to the main royal yard to see if the substance of that lovely phantasm was in sight from that elevation. He reported that nothing was to be seen. The wonder and beauty of the picture lay in the colors and motions of it. The sky was as a looking glass, and every heave and roll of the hidden ship was counterfeited by the shining shadow hanging starlike. Then again you saw the hurrying of the colors as the shadows swept fingerlike with the swinging of the sails and as the lights and gleams in the atmosphere changed with the sinking of the sun, making the painted image blaze out like burning gold, changing them into a rich rose, fading afterward into a dull and rusty red, and so expiring as a whole orb of moon sickness and disappears to a slow gathering of filmy thickness."

"At this time it was a sheet calm. A floating soap plate would not have filled. There was a small terrace of cloud northwest, with an occasional glimmer of lightning there, otherwise the sky was of a tropic soft dark blue, the liquid dusk of it filled with stars, under one or another of the largest of which floated a flake of silver feathering and lengthening with the light run of swell. A moonless night, and, spite of the star shine, dark. The awning was furlled and the ship's tall canvas whitened the gloom."

"Just before 8 o'clock a little crowd on the forecastle sang a hymn. I had not looked for any plenty in the 'tween decks. Eight bells made a knell for the palm singing—the star boylines were ed to turn in. After that a silence gradually stole over the ship. The emigrants lay about the decks in dusky bundles. Some went below. The life of the swell kept the wind sails wriggling, but there was not so much breeze in the heels of them as comes from the whisk of a butterfly's wing. Most of the caddy passengers were on the poop. I was talking to a lady about the mirage and trying to make her understand how such are made, when the second officer, a gentleman named Marshall, approached and asked leave in a low, mysterious voice to speak to me apart. I excused myself to the lady and went a little distance with the mate."

"'What is it?' said I."

"'A man's been murdered, sir.'"

"'In what part of the ship?'"

"'In the steerage.'"

"'Who is it?'"

"'An Italian named Ravogli.'"

"'Do you mean the fellow who used to sit with the girl under the break of the poop?'"

"'That's the man, sir.'"

"'With the body.'"

"'I said no more and went below. The cabin lamps blazed brightly. A few people were reading or talking on the quarter deck. I passed through the great square of the steerage hatch and arrived at a passage or corridor, on either hand of which were a number of berths. This was the steerage number of berths. The steward's pantry was down here. An understrapper was washing some glass- es. He whistled softly and evidently did not know what had happened. He told me that Ravogli's cabin was the last but one to starboard, and I went straight to it and walked in, scarce doubting till I had opened the door but that the second mate had talked to me in a dream, so quiet it all was down there."

"'But on entering I was arrested as though paralyzed. A bracket lamp was burning brightly. On the deck, her head pillowed, lay the body of a woman. I imagined it was she, and not the other, who had been murdered till, on looking at the upper bunk whereat stood the ship's doctor, the steward and the stewardess, I saw the corpse of the Italian with his throat most horribly gashed and cut. The doctor was holding a knife."

"'What's this?' I asked."

"'As foul a murder as was ever done ashore or at sea,' answered the doctor. 'No imagination could figure it. A ghastlier corpse. It lay in check shirt and white trousers, with a kind of white sash round its waist. There was a shocking look as of sudden terror on the face. The flat of the cabin port was covered with blood, still liquid and draining down the ship's side.'"

"'Is that woman murdered, too?'"

"'No,' answered the doctor, 'she's in a dead faint.'"

"'The stewardess said: 'She rushed into my cabin about ten minutes ago and told me that she had found that man lying dead with his throat cut, his head and shoulders in the port, as though he had been talking to somebody outside. She was trembling and seemed sick and mad. I sent the steward for the doctor. The woman came with me here, and when she saw the body she screamed and fell down dead as I believed.'"

"'She's in a faint,' said the doctor. 'See this, captain.'"

"'He handed me the knife. I saw at a glance it was one of the caddy carrying knives. A label was attached to the handle on which was written in a hand like print:

"'Non si scampa dalla vendetta d'un Dio etraggiato.'"

"'What's the meaning of that?' said I."

"'It's Italian,' answered the doctor. 'and, so far as I understand it, signifies, 'There's no escape from the vengeance of an outraged God.'"

"'This is the work of an Italian, then,' said I."

"There's no making sure of that, sir, by this legend only," answered the doctor, taking the knife from me and looking at the writing, 'but one thing's certain. This man was stabbed and gashed as you see while he held his head in the open port.'"

"'Was the body so posed when you entered?'"

"'Yes. He lay with his shoulders and head in the port. The first thrust killed him.'"

"'Who's his murderer?' said I, looking at the stained figure on the deck."

"'Not she!'—no," exclaimed the doctor, shaking his head. 'It was done from without—that's quite certain.'"

"'Where was she,' said I, 'when the man was killed? Not in this berth anyhow.'"

"'No, captain, she never did it,' exclaimed the doctor, looking again at the woman. 'Her hands are clean. Observe by those splashes how the blood spouted. Then what woman inhumanly with petticoats is going to get over the side of the ship and crawl to that port-hole holding on—by what?'"

"'Is he dead?' said I."

"'As this knife,' he answered. 'See to that woman, stewardess, said I. 'Doctor, keep her alive. I must have her story.'"

"'I ordered the stewardess to carry her into a spare berth, and then went on deck ill, and with a face wet with sweat and with a heart on fire with amazement and horror and wrath.'"

"'It was a secret impossible to keep. The second and third mates and the boatswain, several of them grasping brightly burning lanterns, entered the 'tween decks and started on a search among the male emigrants, married and single. The females were left unvisited, for the mate and I, while overhanging the side under which the blood stained port was situated, had satisfied ourselves that no female hand had done the deed. The squares of the ports were wide enough to easily admit of the passage of a body. The port of this tragedy was a little way abaft the mizzen channels. It would have been possible for a man, by standing with one foot on the nut of a chain plate bolt and holding by the plate, to swing off close enough to the port to stab the throat of one who should put his head into the square of it. No woman had done it."

"'While they ransacked the 'tween decks I conversed with the mate and the doctor. What number of Italians did we carry among the emigrants? I forgot the doctor's answer. The number was small. How came a 'tween deck passenger in possession of a caddy carrying knife? Well, it might have been

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asked the doctor.

"She shook her head with a shudder and replied, 'I do not understand what was meant.'"

"'It is Italian,' said the doctor. 'Oh, yes, it is Italian,' she answered."

"Do you believe that an Italian has committed this murder?' I asked."

To be continued.

BROWNFIELD.

Dr. Fitch is about again, after a short confinement with the grip."

Frank Johnson is getting in some ash timber at his mill to be sawed into barrel staves."

Prof. Bateman is at town hall, next week. No doubt he will have a full house, every night."

W. C. Rowe, the butcher, was presented with seventeen little pigs, Saturday night, a week ago. Quite a cold night for the little pigs."

The anniversary ball which was to have been given by the band, Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, was postponed on account of the storm."

The election of officers of the Brownfield brass band took place, Saturday evening, Feb. 4. The following officers were elected:

Pres., W. W. Johnson.
Vice-pres., Mrs. O. F. McHargue.
Sec., P. S. Brown.
Treas., Will Johnson.
Musicians, J. W. Bennett, Janitor, H. G. Wakefield.

Quite a lot of other business was transacted in a satisfactory manner to all parties concerned."

The formation and installation of Pearl Assembly, No. 90, Order of Rebekahs, took place at Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday evening, and proved to be the event of the season. A large audience was present, and in number of charter members initiated, 30, the largest ever instituted in any lodge in Maine. There were present from Portland Mrs. Sarah Henley, president of the State Assembly; Albro E. Chase, Grand Master, and Robert Dyer, Grand Secretary. Mrs. Henley installed the newly elected officers, while the obligations were given by the Denmark Assembly, who were present in a body. The new Lodge elected: Noble Grand, Mrs. Hattie Sands. Vice-grand, Mrs. Louis Hodgdon. Treasurer, W. J. Hodgdon. Secretary, Mrs. Florence Mansfield.

After the official ceremonies, the members with invited guests, to the number of one hundred and fifty, sat down to an elaborate banquet to which full justice was done. There were many bright and congratulatory speeches made."

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OXFORD.

No schools in the village on account of the deep drifts and blustering weather, Tuesday.

Geneva Barker, little daughter of Dr. F. N. Barker of Norway, visited at her grandfather's, Anson J. Holden's, last week.

Geo. Hazen has moved his cottage from Geo. Stevens' land to Farris Cove. A. S. Fuller and H. O. Blake did the work.

Mrs. Hattie Brackett is spending the week in Bangor. She went as a delegate to the annual convention of the Ladies' Relief Corps.

The Robinson Manig. Co. have put in a night crew of sprayers and mowers. They have large orders which they are rushing to fill.

L. F. Wardwell, the stage driver, left for the station about 8.30 a. m. with the morning mail. He returned to Oxford about 5.30 with the afternoon mail.

Chas. Smith, the village milkman, was only an hour late Tuesday morning, in delivering his milk, but he had come through many big drifts, some of them six feet deep, to get to the village.

The Robinson Manig. Co. sent out two double teams, Tuesday morning, to gather in the help for the mill. In many cases the dwellings had to be shoveled out before the people could get out.

Married at J. F. Fuller's, Feb. 10, by Rev. W. J. Buchanan, Edward Spring Fuller and Maude Cleora Stuart, both of Oxford. The bridal couple left, Monday, on a visit to relatives and friends in Massachusetts.

The stock and buildings of the S. E. King Co. burned, Monday night, at about twelve o'clock. The buildings were entirely consumed. Well insured. Some grain, flour and dry goods were

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WYMAN HARNEDEN, late of Fryeburg, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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Capital Paid Up in Cash, \$400,000.00.

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Real Estate owned by the company, \$216,594.18

Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), 401,100.00

Stocks and bonds owned by the company, 828,420.00

Loans secured by collateral, 23,000.00

Cash in the company's principal office and in banks, 62,482.72

Interest due and accrued, 9,181.83

Profits in line of course collection, 151,483.26

Reinsurances and due from other companies for re-insurance on losses already paid, 3,899.86

Aggregate amount of liabilities in the company at their actual value, \$1,700,156.85

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, 98,242.62

Amount required to satisfy re-insurance all outstanding losses, 728,158.79

All other demands against the company, 65,827.09

Capital actually paid up in cash, 400,000.00

Surplus beyond capital, 433,828.26

Aggregate amount of liabilities in excess of net surplus, \$1,700,156.85

The Longer Days.

Yes, the days are getting longer, and I reckon every winter has slid by us, kinder prambulating. Afore we're really 'quainted with it—sorter blumfin' at a freeze, then 'turn round' and rain, a-makin' nearly all creation sneeze. Ketch a little cold and bust it with a dose of old quinine. And a sweat, and dress up heavy, and the sun is sure to shine. But enough for sportin' v'lets; leave yer coat to home, and then Biff comes along, cold nor'wester, freagin' of yer up again.

Kinder irritatin', ain't it? Yet, I dunno; like we'd think the sunshine might common 'less we had the other stuff.

Knew a feller, one hot summer, who cussed 'round 'bout the heat. Sworn he'd go to Manitowish—winter was his study meat.

Well, the first cold spell he crawled, he couldn't stand the cold. Sold out, went to southern Texas. He's comin' back again, I'm told.

He's a comin' sort of feller, like the rest of us, I guess.

I'm a-lookin' for the green leaves and the flowers, more or less.

LOVELL.

C. D. Chandler is quite sick with grip. Bridget Bemis was in Portland over Sunday.

James H. Walker has been appointed postmaster. Howard Charles drove in a large pair of oxen, last week. Girth 8 ft., weight 4,345 lbs. Well matched.

Lloyd Poore out his ice, last week, two inches thick. Ed. Emery of North Fryeburg helped him with his ice cutter.

Mrs. F. G. Walker has been quite sick. She is getting slowly. There is hardly one in the village that has not been sick, this winter. Some whole families have been sick at a time with grip and bad colds.

Cold weather. One of our farmers says it was the coldest, Sunday morning, he ever saw. He went out to milk and the cows were so humped up with cold that he had to sit down in front of them and milk out in front of their forward legs.

Mrs. Georgia Parker is quite sick. Grace Adams is working for J. M. Farrington.

John McKee is working for Warren Charles. Nellie and Lucy Elliott are home from Conway.

Elmer Andrews is doing chores for Joseph Smith. Edward Berry has been working for John Meserve.

Mrs. Stephen Manson is quite sick with a gripe. Mrs. J. F. Stearns has been visiting relatives in Norway.

Ed. Meserve has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Gorge. Ellen Andrews is home from Fryeburg on a few weeks vacation.

Geo. Caldwell of Fort Fairfield is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sumner Kimball. The Center school closed, Friday, the 10th, with Mrs. Fannie H. Eastman as teacher. A very successful term is reported.

John Fox and Mrs. Sarah Charles attended the West Oxford Sunday School Association, held at North Waterford, Jan. 31. The Center Congregational school was represented by the secretary, Eugene Woodbury.

NORTH LOVELL.

Edgar McAllister and Orville are here now. G. A. Kimball has a hog which has eight pigs.

Joseph Smith, who has been very sick, is improving. Mrs. Clara Harriman, who has been very sick, is some better.

"Did you ever see such cold weather?" is the exclamation on all sides. At one time this winter the entire family at Nathaniel Palmer's were sick.

Mrs. G. M. Harriman went to Lewiston, Thursday, and returned, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dana McAllister entertained the circle here, Saturday evening.

C. A. McKee has been doing the chores at George Evans' for a week while he is sick. Reginald Pottle is boarding at H. W. Palmer's and working for E. T. Stearns in the woods.

A live son came to live with Mr. and Mrs. John Kimball, Feb. 8. They call him Maurice Weston.

Dea. Hilton McAllister and family have moved from their home in North Stoneham to their new home at No. 8.

Five from the Christian S. S. attended the S. S. Convention at North Waterford. Sickness prevented a large delegation.

John Kimball has taken down the schoolhouse in Dist. No. 1 and hauled it G. P. McAllister's, where it will be put up for a summer cottage.

WEST SUMMER.

Wilson Ryerson is in town. Geo. E. Pulsifer is home again. E. G. Doble bought a cow of Clinton Buck.

Arthur Bonney has bought a pair of steers. Mrs. J. E. Mayhew of North Buckfield is spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. Warren Lothrop.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Lothrop, died Rev. F. E. Barton of Bethel officiating. Mrs. Lothrop, whose maiden name was Elizabeth M. Warren, was born in Stoughton, Mass., March 9, 1827, and was married to Jacob W. Lothrop, Nov. 4, 1845. Mr. Lothrop died, Feb. 23, 1895. Their children are Elmer A. Lothrop of Beverly, Mass., Warren E. Lothrop and Mary Abby Lothrop Newell of this village. The deceased was a member of the Universalist church for many years, and maintained a high standard of christian life and character. She will be much missed by many friends.

PORTER.

Mrs. Mary Jane Bickford is quite sick with pneumonia. There seems to be quite a lot of sickness with the grip.

Mrs. Alice Stacy has been quite sick, the past week, with a bad cold. Mrs. A. E. Rogers has been confined to the house, the past week, with the grip.

Ernest Lewis who has been very sick with the grip is so as to be out doors again. Mrs. Annie Towle of Rumford Falls will spend a few months with her grandfather, Joseph Towle.

"Capt. F. C. Barker, proprietor of the Birchies and Bemis camps on Moose Lake, is taking recreation in a trip to Cuba.

WEST PARIS.

Charlie and Martha Dennison and Clara Berry went to Bates College, Monday. Mrs. J. C. Ridlon, who has been at South Paris, returned home, Saturday.

S. Clarence Curtis and wife of Boston, are visiting his mother, Mrs. A. Bucknam.

Pupils in the Primary school, who have not been absent during the term—Erving Emmons, Laura Willis and Lucy Everett.

The drama, "The Cuban Spy," that was to have been given, Feb. 10, also postponed to Tuesday, Feb. 14, will be given on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, weather permitting.

The following are a list of those in the grammar school, who have not been absent during the past term of school—Jennie Bradbury, Lola Lane, Albert Spiller and Ellsworth Curtis. Although it was stormy a few visitors were present at the closing exercises, which consisted of declamations and original compositions from the rhetoric class. All the parts were well rendered. The first of the term a prize of five books was offered to the one who should obtain the highest average rank during the term.

Frank of Lois Lane and Margie McKenney varied so little that the prize was divided between them. Lola, led by a small fraction received three and Margie two books.

WATERFORD.

Frank Morse is down with the grip. Mrs. J. P. Howe remains quite feeble. Henry Shedd and wife are very feeble.

Aggie Plummer visited friends at Bridgton, last week. Mrs. Packard and children came home from South Gardiner last week.

Mrs. Helen Crooker of Norway is visiting her brother, F. M. Atherton. Charlie Wilson and Gny Dudley are attending school at North Bridgton.

W. A. Bicknell, Norway, wants to buy dressed hogs. Will pay 50¢ per lb. 7-8

In the death of David G. Pride this town loses one her best and most upright citizens.

G. M. Meserve is having the pine cut that he has bought on "Wood farm" now owned by Cyrus Green.

Ed Stone has finished drawing wood for J. F. Jewett and is now drawing for his father, Elbridge Stone.

Thomas Gorton and family of South Gardiner are at Dr. Packard's. Mr. Gorton is looking after the engine and machinery at the chair factory.

HARBOR.

School closed at the Harbor, last week, Friday. Lottie Bemis has been quite sick but is better now.

C. W. Waterhouse was in Bridgton, one day recently. Will Gain is able to be out again after quite a long sickness.

Fred V. Usher of Portland was a guest at David Bradley's, Sunday.

A. J. Andrews and wife, Stow visited at F. A. Farrington's, one day recently. Quarterly meeting was held here, February 8. Owing to the storm not many were out. This was Elder Corey's farewell visit.

Nina Shedd has been at A. W. McKee again. Mrs. M. has had a bad cold but is better now. Mr. M. attended court at South Paris, this week.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. Marston is gaining slowly. Singing school at the schoolhouse, Friday evening.

The Women's Club will meet with Miss F. M. Tucker, Feb. 22d.

Mr. Horr, who was quite sick with colic, last week, is able to be out.

Miss Burbank has gone to North Bridgton to care for her aunt, who is sick.

There was not any C. E. meeting, Monday evening, on account of the storm. Edna and Janet Stephens were out on snow shoes, Wednesday morning, calling on their neighbors.

EAST BUCKFIELD.

The sick ones are all improving and no new cases are reported. The coldest and worst storm of the season occurred, this week.

Willie Cobb has improved in health so as to be able to do his chores. Charlie Randall, wife and children are spending a few weeks at David Records'. O. E. Waite, who is laid up in the house with a cut foot, is getting along nicely.

On account of the blow, Friday, our cream gatherer did not come around. The first time he has missed for the season.

Hattie Skillings has been visiting a week with her uncle and cousin, Willie B. Cobb, returning to her home in Portland, last Tuesday.

Two weeks ago, Mrs. Wm. Davee spent Saturday and Sunday with her family. She likes her job in the shoe shop at Auburn very much.

Aunt Evelyn Irish is a very smart old lady 88 years old this month. She does all the housework for herself and son and helps make the butter of two cows.

Mrs. H. G. Davee has recovered from the grip so as to be able to do her housework. H. G. Davee's hand, that he so badly cut some three weeks ago, is healing as well as could be expected for so bad a gash.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

Mrs. Jennie Hurd has the mumps. Harold and George Walker from Rumford Falls are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Carrie Walker spent a part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Day.

Mrs. Augusta Charles is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Merrill, at the village. Harriet Adams has left Gorham Normal School for the present on account of ill health.

Mrs. A. P. Gordon accompanies her husband, Augustus, this week, to attend the Governor's reception.

Mrs. Jennie Buzzell, who has been visiting in Haverhill, Mass., returned to her son Chandler's, last week, accompanied by her daughter Susan from Gorham Normal School.

Albert Locklin, who was killed in the woods by a falling tree, was buried from his mother's home in this place, last Thursday afternoon. He leaves a wife and child. He is said to have a life insurance of two thousand dollars.

The stage had a hard time getting through, Friday night, from Fryeburg to Lovell. On the hill above here one of the horses laid down and refused to go any farther, so was hauled into a stable near by and the driver plowed through the drifts to Lovell with one horse.

HASTINGS.

Fred Garne visited his family in Shelburne, recently. H. H. Hobson was down from Island Pond, recently.

Lutervene LaFontaine is working for Mrs. F. B. Coffin.

Miss Abbott of Bethel closed a very successful term of school, last week. Mr. Pickering, the bookkeeper, and family occupy the rent vacated by John Bean.

Carl Storrs has finished work as bookkeeper for the Hastings Lumber Co., and he and his family have gone to Newport, Vt.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Chas. Borden of West Paris was here, Sunday. Alterations are in progress at the M. E. church.

G. H. Huden has returned to work at Shelburne, N. H. Mrs. Charles Clark, who fell and hurt her side recently, is better.

A. E. Day has returned permanently from his lumber job at Bethel. Eliza Farrar's health remains very poor. She has been sick a long time.

Tuesday, wind blowing a gale and snow piled up everywhere, everything late.

Diantha Fuller of North Paris has been stopping with her daughter's family, O. L. Fuller's.

Mrs. E. S. Russell was called to Waterford, last week, by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Ellen Hilton.

Mrs. Chas. Andrews came up from West Paris, Monday, to see her husband. He is thinking of becoming a farmer and locating hereabouts.

Andrews & Sons' loss by the King & Co. fire at Weymouth, Saturday night, is \$1,000. They had caskets on commission there.

ALBANY.

Howard Allen has sold to A. G. Bean a cow and beifer. Herbert Bean has bought another cow.

Frank E. Bean got choked while eating, the other day, and could not swallow any food for 36 hours, but is better at the present writing.

Breaking roads seems to be the order of the day at the present time. Feb. 14th the roads were so blocked up that we had no mail, this being the first trip our stage driver has missed during the winter.

News has been received from Providence, R. I., that Edwin W. Lawrence, formerly of Albany, is very sick. It was only a few days ago he was here to see his sick sister, Mrs. Dexter A. Cummings, who seems to remain about the same.

WEST MINOT.

William Bridgman is at work for S. R. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bearce spent the Sabbath in Auburn.

Monday and another storm is with us. Will the cold weather never let up?

The remains of Charles Richards were brought here, Thursday, for burial.

A. J. Eaman of Queens, N. Y., was the guest of H. W. Beane, last week.

Our school will close, Tuesday, with a picnic dinner and a general good time.

Mrs. Lyman Dunham went to Auburn, last week, to visit friends and was taken sick with grip. She is unable to return home.

The sick ones are all gaining except Emma Howard. She is now confined to her bed. Mr. Kidder, who has been at S. R. Howard's through their sickness, returned to his home in Canton, Friday.

Thursday, the remains of Mrs. Vinton Severy (nee Blanche Greenwood) were brought here from Portland, where she died with consumption. The funeral was, Saturday, at her brother's, Ervin Greenwood's.

HANOVER.

Etta Howe is in Portland on a visit to her friends. H. H. Staples recently has unloaded three cars of grain.

A. G. Howe has been sick, the past week, with the grip.

A. G. Howe has just received the finest deer head ever shown in town.

Mr. Norcross' family who have been so sick are better at this writing.

G. A. Virgin has a large pile of lumber at his mill and hopes to get more.

W. C. Holt has returned home from Byron on account of his wife's being sick.

The month of February has been awful cold, something that we don't get every year.

Lumbermen back of Howard pond are hustling to get their lumber out of the woods.

Etta Howe has returned home from Portland where she has been the past month.

A very nice whist party was given to the people of Hanover, last week, and another party is to be given, Thursday night.

Fred Staples is at home from Bethel Hill for a short vacation. Fred tells us he has been with William Lovejoy for 11 years.

Mrs. S. W. Holt has a rug almost done that she has drawn, this winter. The rug is 8 feet wide and 10 feet long. It is quite a job to draw the rugs for such a large rug.

HARTFORD.

A. F. Cox has bought him a horse. Nellie Chabourne of Sumner is at work for Mrs. George Brown.

Amy Russell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hiram Perkins, of Mechanic Falls.

Geo. Brown has gone to Paris to attend court. Edward Cox is doing chores for him.

Mrs. Merrick Osgood and children of Massachusetts are visiting at Chaucery Osgood's.

Those who have been sick with the grip are better. Mrs. Eliza Oldham and Mrs. Eliza Kimball are the sickest ones at present writing.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah Russell of Hartford were brought here from Mechanic Falls, Thursday, the 9th, for burial. Mrs. Russell has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Hiram Perkins, during the winter, when she was taken ill and died almost instantly. She leaves two daughters and two sons. Funeral services were held in the hall at Hartford Centre.

Mrs. Otis Haskell died, Feb. 6th, with cancer on the tongue. Mrs. Haskell has been a great sufferer for nearly four years but was patient and uncomplaining until the last